

I am concerned that the commission is ignoring a growing chorus of concern about the potential for BPL to disrupt other communications in the HF and low VHF region including concerns from FEMA, NTIA, NAB and ARRL among others.

In Europe, BPL has already proven to be causing serious interference. Why then is BPL even being considered at this time? Has the Commission stopped to consider what will happen at the next sunspot maxima when even extremely low power transmissions in the HF region will propagate thousands of miles with signal strengths more than adequate to cause massive interference to other radio services?

Do the power companies have the Commission in their pockets? Is deploying BPL such an imperative that the Commission is willing to risk possibly jeopardizing the nations ability to deal with a crisis by deploying BPL?

I believe the Commissioners need to re-evaluate their position on this issue. The FCC has lost a lot of credibility with a lot of citizens by it's failure to deal fairly with many other important issues involving telecommunications. The lack of large scale deployment of broadband systems is, in very large part, a prime example of the FCC's inability to separate the needs of the nation from the needs of powerful special interests. The Commissioners may see BPL as the quick and dirty answer to broadband and DIRTY is the operative word. How dirty a system will the Commission tolerate and, at whose expense.

As an amateur radio operator since 1964 and a retired U.S. Navy communications specialist, I urge the Commission to do the right thing rather than the politically expedient thing and, in the face of overwhelming evidence of the potential of BPL to harm communications essential to the nations security, squash BPL now. Once deployed it will be almost impossible to undo.